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16. Abstract

Phase 2 of a program is detailed that will perform research during the design/build reconstruction of over 16 miles of Interstate 15 in Salt Lake County, Utah. The program is funded through a research grant from the FHWA authorized by TEA-2 1 legislation specifically targeted to the I- 15 National Test Bed Consortium. The program is administered jointly by the Utah Transportation Center, the Utah Department of Transportation and the Federal Administration, Included in the program are technology transfer efforts beyond distribution of the final Highway report.

This program is a follow-on to a Phase 1 research program, a summary of which is also given. In addition, a summary is given of the steps taken to accommodate research in a design/build environment.

Detailed work plans are given for six research studies that are to be performed under this Phase 2 program. These six studies are:

- Push-Over Test of Bridge Bent w/ Advanced Composite Reinforcement, Phase 2;
- Evaluation of Geopier Foundation Systems, Phase 2;
- Lateral Load Field Tests on Pile Groups, Phase 3;
- Field Testing & Computer Modeling of a Curved Steel Girder Bridge, Phase 1;
- Forced Vibration as an NDE Technology, Phase 2; and,
- Existing Column / Beam Evaluation, Phase 1

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